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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **SB 834**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS COUNCIL.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill eliminates the mandate for the Trafficking in Persons Council to meet at least three times per year, thereby allowing the council to meet at will, including once or twice per year. By law, the council must annually report to the legislature on its activities and recommended legislation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Trafficking in Persons Council***

This 26-member council is within the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women for administrative purposes only. Its charge is to

1. consult with the government and other organizations in developing recommendations to (a) strengthen state and local government efforts to prevent trafficking, (b) protect and help victims of trafficking, and (c) prosecute traffickers;
2. identify criteria for providing services to adult trafficking victims and their children; and
3. hold meetings and release public updates and progress reports.

The law defines “trafficking” as all acts involved in recruiting, abducting, transporting, harboring, transferring, selling, or receiving people within national or across international borders, using force, coercion, fraud, or deception, to place them in (1) situations of slavery or slavery-like conditions; (2) forced labor or services, such as forced prostitution or sexual services; (3) domestic servitude; (4) bonded

sweatshop labor; or (5) other debt bondage (CGS § 46a-170(g)).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

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